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## The Pope To Annul American Marriages

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BY EVERY PRINCIPLE of American law, the subject of marriage and divorce is under exclusive jurisdiction of the civil power. Congress has enacted statutes governing the requisites and validity of marriage in all territory under federal control and the state legislatures have enacted laws fully covering the subject throughout their respective borders.

Whether or not all the provisions of these statutes are wise and wholesome may admit of differences of opinion. The fact that they are subject to amendment from time to time in the light of fuller experience and in harmony with the progress of society and civilization shows the continuing endeavor to make them reflect the ideals and wisdom of this progressive nation.

But whether our marriage laws are wise or unwise, every loyal citizen must accept them as valid and binding till set aside on constitutional grounds by the courts or repealed by legislative authority. Only one class of our citizens refuse thus to bow to the authority of laws duly enacted by the highest authority known to our country. That class is the Roman Catholic portion of our citizenship. Their sole reason for so defying our laws is that the canon law of the papal throne is being enforced upon them by enthroned bishops of Rome, and they are made to regard that law of the alien autocrat as overruling and setting aside the statutes of this country. Each enthroned bishop has set up in the city over which he reigns a matrimonial court for the sole and express purpose of overruling American law by the canon law of Rome.

The only legislative and judicial authority that those alien matrimonial courts recognize is the authority that emanates from the vatican. In the pope himself, as the autocrat of the vatican, is combined the legislative, executive, and judicial power which those courts recognize as final and supreme. That autocrat is to them the court of last resort. Are courts so operating among us by authority of an alien autocrat, whom they regard as supreme in judicial authority, domestic or alien? Is their presence here conducive or deleterious to our welfare as a nation?

Under the doctrine that the pope himself is the supreme judicial authority, appeals lie to him from the courts of local enthroned bishops. Moreover, he exercises original jurisdiction in behalf of parties able to pay adequate fees and costs and sufficiently prominent to justify his time and attention. Pursuant to this vast autocratic system, petitions are now pending before the pope praying him to set aside the perfectly lawful marriage of three prominent American women. The following news dispatch appeared in *The Washington Herald* of November 21:

Mrs. Dorothy McCombs, formerly Miss Williams, daughter of the late Col. John B. Williams of this city, has asked the vatican to annul her marriage to William F. McCombs, New York attorney, and formerly chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Mrs. McCombs and Miss Williams were married in London, November 7, 1913. It was rumored a year later that the couple had become estranged and Mrs. McCombs had secured a divorce. It became known in April, 1915, that the couple were living apart. Mrs. McCombs went to the home of her sister at McLean, Va., and Mr. McCombs left for the Pacific coast, returning a short time afterwards to resume the practice of law in New York.

Substantially the same information, though in less detail, had appeared in *The Washington Post* on November 20, together with other and similar facts, the message in the *Post* reading in part as follows:

Rome, Nov. 18.—Three American women are concerned in applications for annulment of marriage now being considered by the authorities at the vatican.

Duke Heinrich-Borwin von Mecklenburg-Schwerin has asked the annulment of his marriage to the widow of Count Gasquet-James, who was formerly Miss Elizabeth Pratt of New York.

The Princess Radziwill, formerly Miss Dorothy Deacon of Boston, has based her plea for the annulment of her marriage to the Russian prince on the ground that she was forced into the marriage.

Then follows the item concerning the McCombs case. Any American citizen of either sex who applies to the vatican to annul a lawful marriage contracted in this country, in London or anywhere else is unworthy of citizenship. By what right does the alien autocrat of the vatican and his hundred enthroned prelates in the United States, while mouthing against divorce, presume to set aside and annul marriages lawfully contracted?

No more dangerous enemy of the home walks this planet than the papal autocrat and his army of coarse, impudent prelates perched upon a thousand thrones. Any prelate of Rome or any court operated by papal authority that pretends to exercise judicial functions in the United States should be severely punished for treason.

How much the outposts of the papal empire on American soil have to do with inspiring the widespread anarchy now threatening our institutions is not known. The crim-

inal anarchists are nearly all aliens and nearly all Roman Catholics. Roman Catholics assassinated Lincoln and McKinley and fired a bullet into the heroic breast of Roosevelt that may have caused his untimely death, and a fanatic with an alien name smacking loudly of Rome assassinated Garfield. Popery is the crowning engine of crime and infamy of all the centuries. It should be expelled from our country and eliminated from the earth.

## Dishonest Propaganda Unmasked

REFERENCE WAS MADE in these columns some weeks ago to a folder which was being widely distributed by Chicago propagandists of the papal- Irish calling themselves "Daughters of Martha Washington." It was explained by THE MENACE that the propagandists mentioned, whose names betray them, expected the public to mistake their assumed title for that of "Martha Washington Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution."

In the hope of further deceiving the public, the folder started out with these words: "We recently had the good fortune to come across a copy of the *United States Miscellany*, a weekly periodical published at Charleston, South Carolina, in 1826, and now a very rare work." That is a very innocent looking statement of what was deliberately intended to appear as a special dispensation of Providence. But the tail of the dog was not entirely concealed by this elaborate costume of papal- Irish mendacity.

Investigation discloses that instead of the "*United States Miscellany*" it was the "*United States CATHOLIC Miscellany*" which was published at Charleston at the date mentioned. That papal mouthpiece was then just as mendacious and blatant as those of our day in propagating Roman Catholic falsehoods.

Instead of having accidentally come upon a copy of a rare secular periodical containing the matter they are now exploiting to deceive the public, the Chicago gang have simply resurrected blatant Roman Catholic falsehoods nearly a hundred years old and are peddling them in the belief that the busy public will not be able and disposed to hunt up the truth and detect their dishonesty. The matter so resurrected purports to be a speech by the stepson of Washington complimentary to the Irish. If such a speech was really made it was doubtless the Protestant Irish of Ulster to whom he referred, as they fought for our independence in considerable numbers, while the papal- Irish were Tories and were in the British army.

This papal dishonesty is typical. When Jeremiah O'Leary, national president of the Catholic Truth Society, was recently on trial for treason, papal censorship made the newspapers say uniformly that he was head of the "American" Truth Society in order to deceive the public and hide the guilt and disgrace of the Catholic Truth Society of which he really was the head.

## Voters Hit Popery In Italy, France and Belgium

CLAIMS OF THE Roman Catholic press in this country that the war policy of the pope has been vindicated and approved throughout the world are not sustained by elections held November 16 in Italy, France and Belgium. Facing just retribution at Italian hands for his shameless intrigues with the kaisers and the sultan during the war, the pope decided to throw all his might into the election in a desperate and determined effort to gain control of the chamber of deputies and so perpetuate his stay in Rome.

In this effort he signally failed. Notwithstanding his swarms of cardinals, bishops, monsignori, priests and monks, who spent the day rounding up the papal followers, incomplete returns available as these lines are written give him only 39 deputies out of considerably over 300 in all, while the present government has an overwhelming plurality of members.

Among the strong opponents of popery elected are four expremiers, Giovanni Giolitti, Paolo Boselli, Antonio Salandra and Vittorio Orlando. Notwithstanding the weight of seventy-eight years, Signor Giolitti is one of the most conspicuous and picturesque characters in Italy. At least four times has he headed the cabinet as premier, his first term beginning in 1892. It was during his administration that relations between Italy and the United States became strained because of the lynching of some Italian subjects in New Orleans. But his tact and that of our President Harrison avoided a crisis. He is a conservative socialist and implacable enemy of vatican politics.

At the close of his last premiership in 1914, Giolitti was succeeded by Salandra, who formed a cabinet which embraced all political parties except the clericals. He steered the ship of state among the war breakers with tact and skill some two years, when he was succeeded by Orlando, who will be remembered as one of the "Big Five" in the early months of the peace conference till his government was succeeded a few months ago by the present one headed by Premier Nitti.

Belgian voters routed the clerical party and drove it from power with an emphasis that will jar the vatican. When Pope Benedict XV rebuked Cardinal Mercier and threatened to depose him for resistance to the Hun armies, he thought the kaiser of Germany would succeed in overrunning and subjugating the world. In that event the pope felt secure under the secret arrangement whereby his Jesuits supported the kaiser with the most efficient spy system that ever cursed civilization.

But the military forces of the two kaisers, the sultan and the pope were crushed by the valor of democratic soldiery, and the vatican stood face to face with the people of Roman Catholic Belgium. In the old chamber of deputies the Roman Catholics had a clear and substantial majority over all other parties combined. But in the recent elections they lost some twenty-five members to the socialists, so that no party will have a majority in the new chamber. Incomplete returns indicate that the socialists will lead with about 65 members, and the papists will have 60, while there are 40 liberals and about 10 scattered among minor parties. So heavy is this blow to popery that the present Roman Catholic cabinet has resigned.

The result in France was equally pronounced and sig-

nificant, old Premier Clemenceau and virtually all his cabinet sweeping the field by substantial majorities. It was because the Clemenceau government refused to renew with the vatican the diplomatic relations which were broken off more than a dozen years ago when France separated church and state, that the mouthpiece of a cardinal in this country said during the war that France must be beaten to her knees. The French nation, boasted eldest daughter of the Church of Rome, is done with popery. It has fully emerged from the middle ages and is facing the future with the wisdom born of long experience.

## ORGANIZATION NEWS

### Judge Gilbert O. Nations' Lecture Tour of the West

Judge Nations tour will start February first. He will be available for all points in the west and those who wish to make an effort to procure his lecture service for their community should write us at once. If deemed advisable we will have a special representative call on you with a view to aiding in the completion of arrangements.

### Lyceum Dates for Illinois and Ohio

The Protestant Lyceum Service is now wending its way through Illinois into Ohio. The most able and interesting lectures you have had the privilege of hearing will be delivered in the following named towns on date specified.

Decatur, Illinois, December 4, 11, 18—Mattoon Illinois, December 5, 12, 19—Danville, Illinois, December 6, 13, 20—Joliet, Illinois, December 7, 14, 21—Clinton, Iowa, December 8, 15, 22—Freeport, Illinois, December 9, 16, 30—Rockford, Illinois, December 10, 17, 31.

The Protestant Lyceum Service Committee of Joliet, Illinois asks us to announce that the lectures will be held at 2:30 P. M. December 7th, 14th and 21st at the Masonic Temple. All friends of THE MENACE should take as many persons to these lectures as possible. Let no person miss the first lecture, December 7th. At Quincy, the dates are December 9 and 16—at Plymouth, December 10th and 17th.

### OHIO

Cincinnati, December 12, 19 and January 2—Dayton, December 14, 21 and January 4—Columbus, December 15, 22 and January 5.

### INFORMATION

Duties can be dodged, obligations can be shirked, manhood and honor can be bartered for filthy lucre and putrid potage, but, RESPONSIBILITY IS INESCAPABLE. It lingers to plague and curse the shirker's progeny when his miserable carcass has rotted in its grave.

The American who shirks his patriotic duty now, whether from moral turpitude, or financial fear, is but providing for his children a bed of thorns, and a legacy of bitter tears.

What does it profit us to read THE MENACE, swear about conditions, and, just let it go at that? United action—ORGANIZATION—is the only thing in the world that will avert the evil and impending destiny now threatening our country.

We may think, reflect, and lament from now till the day of judgment, we may read and assimilate every page of modern and medieval history ever written; we may know by heart every crime ever perpetrated in the name of religion, but, until we ACT—until we ORGANIZE—we will have done nothing, absolutely nothing, toward the preservation of American democracy and religious liberty.

Because it has been injected into political and governmental affairs, the religious question is a public question today. Certain politico-religious candidates, always scrambling

for official power, are particularly careful that their religious affiliations shall be known to a certain class of voters, while being as carefully concealed from the other, and far larger class.

A public officer is supposedly a public servant representing the people instead of a church. Every voter is entitled to know the affiliations of every candidate, and his attitude toward public questions, and to know these things prior to nomination or election.

How often, my friends, have you had this information?

When you go to the polls, what means have you of knowing the affiliations, or the attitude toward public questions, of any candidate living outside of your own immediate neighborhood? Wouldn't it be worth something to you to have this kind of information? When you approach the ballot box, wouldn't it at least be a satisfaction to you to KNOW whether or not the man you vote for is a Catholic, a Protestant, or a Jew?

There is an organization in existence which proposes to get this, and other information, and furnish it to its members previous to the elections. Moreover, it proposes to defeat every candidate who stands wrong on questions of public interest, or who refuses to declare his affiliations and his leanings.

The membership of the order is never revealed. It obtains its information through its own members, and hence, has it from a reliable source. This organization also accumulates and dispenses other valuable information, which enables its members to unite their efforts and strength at the ballot box, instead of scattering it to the four winds and thereby aiding the election of an organized enemy.

Wouldn't you like to be a member of such an organization? Wouldn't you like to add your aid and influence to this kind of work? When you go to the polls, wouldn't it be a satisfaction to YOU to KNOW that thousands of other men were voting exactly as you were voting on state and national candidates, and doing it on the same information, and for the same reasons?

Both the entrance fee, and the yearly dues, in this organization are infinitesimal when compared to the work it is doing, and the good it is accomplishing. It stands, first, last, and unalterably for religious liberty, true democracy, and pure and unadulterated Americanism.

Generally speaking those who can answer "yes" to questions such as the following are eligible to membership in this very necessary organization.

- 1—Are you a Protestant in principle and from choice?
- 2—Are you in favor of preserving constitutional liberty and maintaining the government of the United States?
- 3—Do you realize that the object of political Romanism is to subvert our civil and religious liberty?
- 4—Is it, in your opinion, unwise and unsafe to appoint or elect, to political or military office, any person who owes, either secretly or openly, divided allegiance to any foreign power, ecclesiastical or civil?
- 5—Are you in favor of maintaining but one school system during at least eight months of the year, and that THE PUBLIC SCHOOL?
- 6—Are you opposed to the use of public funds for any and all sectarian purposes and will you oppose, at every opportunity, all attempts to so use them?
- 7—Are you in favor of putting into office HONEST and TRUE PATRIOTS, who are best qualified to fill the positions, regardless of political parties?
- 8—Are you willing to be governed by these principles in your political action?
- 9—Are you willing to unite with others who hold these principles, and henceforth devote yourself, your fortune, and your sacred honor, to the protection and perpetuation of civil and religious liberty, and this great American Union?

If your answer to all the above questions is YES, sign your name on the line provided below, giving your address and mail to BILLY PARKER, Secretary, Aurora, Mo.

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